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SUBJECT: BIODATA ON MIZUO KURODA, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL MOFA  
PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, ON AUG 7 GOJ ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT  
OF MIZUO KURODA AS NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOFA PUBLIC INFORMATION  
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU. KURODA HAD SERVED AS DIRECTOR  
GENERAL, RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT SINCE SEPT 1972.

2. BORN AUG 16, 1919, KURODA GRADUATED TOKYO UNIVERSITY  
LAW FACULTY 1944 AND ENTERED MOFA SAME YEAR. AFTER BRIEF SERVICE  
AS NAVY PAYMASTER LT (1945), HE RETURNED TO MOFA AND WAS DETAIL-  
ED TO CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE (1945-1946). FROM 1946 TO 1949,  
HE WAS ASSIGNED TO TREATIES BUREAU. IN 1949, HE WAS DETAILED TO  
MITI WHERE HE WORKED IN COMMERCE PROMOTION DIVISION. IN 1952  
HE SERVED BRIEFLY IN MOFA SECRETARIAT AND WAS THEN POSTED TO  
JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (1952-1954). AFTER ANOTHER TOUR  
IN TREATIES BUREAU (1954-1958), KURODA WAS ASSIGNED TO JAPANESE  
EMBASSY IN UK (1958-1962).

3. FROM 1962 TO 1964, HE SERVED AS SECRETARY FOR PRIME  
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MINISTER AND THEN IN 1964 BECAME HEAD OF NE ASIA DIVISION IN

ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU (1964-1966). DURING 1966-1967, KURODA STUDIED AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. HE WAS THEN POSTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PHILIPPINES, WITH CONCURRENT DUTIES AS CONSUL GENERAL, MANILA (1967-1969). IN 1969, HE WAS SENT TO UNITED STATES AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AND IN 1970 PROMOTED TO MINISTER. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON ASSIGNMENT, HE SERVED AS COUNSELOR IN UN BUREAU (1971-1972). IN SEPT 1972 HE ASSUMED POSITION AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT IN MOFA SECRETARIAT.

4. KURODA AND WIFE, MITSUKO, HAVE TWO SONS, MIZUO (BORN 1954) AND MIZUKI (BORN 1963).  
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